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SUBJECT: BREZHNEV VISIT: MEETING WITH STRAUSS

REF: (A) BONN 9513, (B) BONN 8904

1. A WESTERN DIPLOMAT, WHO SPOKE WITH A KEY AIDE TO FRANZ JOSEF STRAUSS, TOLD US THAT BREZHNEV WAS QUITE POSITIVE ON THE OUTLOOK FOR RELATIONS BETWEEN A CDU/CSU GOVERNMENT AND THE USSR.

2. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE, BREZHNEV TOLD STRAUSS THAT A CDU/CSU GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT NECESSARILY LEAD TO WORSENERED RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND COULD WELL IMPROVE TIES. BREZHNEV IS SAID TO HAVE ADDED THAT HE LIKED CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENTS AND COULD DO BUSINESS WITH THEM. REPORTEDLY, AS STRAUSS WAS BEING

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ACCOMPANIED TO HIS CAR BY BREZHNEV FOLLOWING THEIR MEETING, ZAMYATIN TOLD HIM "WE ONLY DO THIS FOR YOU."

3. COMMENT: WHILE THERE IS CLEARLY A LARGE ELEMENT OF SELF-SERVING RHETORIC IN STRAUSS' AIDE'S REMARKS, THEY ALSO TRACK WELL WITH WHAT WE HAVE HEARD FROM KOHL (REF. A, PARA 5) AND FROM THE SOVIET EMBASSY (REF. B).

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